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Federal law (5 U.S.C. 6103) establishes the following public holidays for Federal employees. Please note that most Federal employees work on a Monday through Friday schedule. For these employees, when a holiday falls on a nonworkday -- Saturday or Sunday -- the holiday usually is observed on Monday (if the holiday falls on Sunday) or Friday (if the holiday falls on Saturday).

Wednesday, January 1	New Year's Day
Monday, January 20	Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.
Monday, February 17	Washington's Birthday
Monday, May 26	Memorial Day
Friday, July 4	Independence Day
Monday, September 1	Labor Day
Monday, October 13	Columbus Day

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Tuesday, November 11	Veterans Day
Thursday, November 27	Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, December 25	Christmas Day

This holiday is designated as "Washington's Birthday" in section 6103(a) of title 5 of the United States Code, law that specifies holidays for Federal employees. Though other institutions such as state and local government private businesses may use other names, it is our policy to always refer to holidays by the names designated.

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